

Patricia is a professor at the Muhlenberg Snyder School of Nursing. She is also involved in various professional nursing organizations, social and civic groups, and church activities in Springfield. Patricia is certified as a teacher of practical nursing and a school nurse in the state of New Jersey.

During her extensive career, Patricia Murphy has been an adjunct professor at Kean University and Felician College, staff nurse at Overlook Hospital, Obstetrics and Community Health Instructor, Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, full time Medical/Surgical Nursing III Instructor and as such has been honored with a distinguished Nursing Alumni Award, American Cancer Society Certificate of Appreciation, outstanding alumna award of Seton Hall University School of Nursing, and New Jersey State Nurses Association Medical-Surgical Nurse of the Year.

In addition to her nursing career, Patricia Murphy has written several articles for professional journals and presented a number of lectures and programs throughout Central New Jersey, focusing on the well-being of cancer patients, their families and the nursing care they receive. She has also developed, planned, and implemented the first on-line nursing course offered through Muhlenburg in conjunction with Union County College. Patricia is also the Parish Nurse Ministry coordinator at St. James Church in Springfield. She has also served as the past president of the Summit Area AARP.

Patricia Murphy of Springfield, New Jersey has made significant contributions to her community and led a long distinguished career. I am pleased to congratulate her and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

#### THE 60 TO 55 RESERVE COMPONENT RETIREMENT ACT

**HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the 60 to 55 Reserve Component Retirement Act.

Given the increasing demands placed on the brave men and women who serve as citizen soldiers in the Reserve Component, it is time to recognize and reward them in a more timely fashion. The current age requirement for Reserve Component to begin receiving retirement pay is 60 years old, whereas the Active Duty may begin receiving retirement pay as soon as they serve their 20 years, which in some cases, may be as early as age 38. The age limitation placed on the Reserve Component was set in 1948, when the Reserve Component was a much different force. Since 9/11, the National Guard and Reserves have expanded beyond their traditional bounds into a fully functional, combat-ready, and deployable partner to the Active Duty Armed Forces. This shift in use to a full partner has placed tremendous strains on the men and women of the Guard and Reserves.

The legislation I am introducing with Congresswoman GABRIELLE GIFFORDS of Arizona will lower the age at which Reserve Component servicemembers can begin receiving their retirement pay from age 60 to age 55. This

vital legislation will help close the gap between the Active Duty and Reserve Component retirement age, which will improve recruitment efforts and be more fair to the men and women serving in the National Guard and Reserve.

HONORING FORMER DELEGATE  
MICHAEL WEIR, SR.

**HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Michael Weir, Sr., a longtime Maryland legislator and public servant who is celebrating his 85th birthday.

Mike Weir, Sr. was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 24, 1924. He attended Baltimore County Public Schools and continued his education at Essex Community College and the University of Maryland. After he finished school he worked as a Masonry contractor through his company Mike Weir and Sons.

Mike served with the U.S. Army in the South Pacific during World War II, entering World War II in March of 1943 as a member of the U.S. Army with the 124th Infantry 31st Division. He was attached to the Reconnaissance Platoon as a medic and served in the South Pacific in New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines. Mike Weir, Sr. was honorably discharged in December of 1945.

Mike Weir Sr. served for 28 years in the Maryland House of Delegates representing communities from Essex in Baltimore County to Fallston in Harford County. He served in the House of Delegates from January 8, 1975 to January 8, 2003, representing first District 7 and then District 6 (Baltimore County & Harford County). He served as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas from 1984–2003, and as a member of the Tort and Insurance Reform Oversight Committee in 1993. He served on the House Environmental Matters Committee from 1975–2003 and as Vice-Chair of the committee from 1995–2003. During his tenure he served on the agriculture, environment & natural resources, and health subcommittees. Mike also served as a member of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee from 1995–2003.

Mike served as a member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission from 1984–2003, a member of the Migratory Waterfowl Advisory Committee since 1991, and the Maryland Recycling Advisory Group from 1995–1997. Mike is respected throughout the State of Maryland for his deep commitment to sportsman and environmental issues, especially those that relate to the Chesapeake Bay.

In honor of his years of service in the Maryland General Assembly, the Mike Weir, Sr. Scholarship Fund was established at the Community Colleges of Baltimore County to assist local college students.

Mike's enjoyment of the political world is evidenced by his memberships in the Fifth District, Fifteenth District, Riverside, Bird River, Norris, Deep Creek and East End Democratic Clubs. Mike is also a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Hawks and the Federation of Independent Business Men. Mike and his wife Clara have six children, many grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mike Weir, Sr. has dedicated his life to the citizens and environment of the State of Maryland. Therefore, Madame Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor Mike as he celebrates his 85th birthday.

IN HONOR OF NATALIE WOLFE

**HON. ANDRÉ CARSON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Natalie Wolfe for her brilliant career as a child advocate. She has distinguished herself through her dedication to ensuring that all children are afforded the right to quality childcare services.

After losing her daughter due to the negligence of an unlicensed child-care provider, Natalie has committed herself as a driving force in the State of Indiana to increasing awareness about the need for child-care reform. As a result, she has helped establish the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource & Referral Better Baby Program. As a voice for thousands of parents who have suffered from similar circumstances, Natalie participated heavily in the passage of Reagan's Law.

Earlier this month, Natalie represented Hoosier families in Washington, D.C. at the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies' (NACCRRA) National Policy Symposium. This conference allowed Natalie to meet with other child-care advocates and policy makers on the importance of passing sound legislation that protects and safeguards young children.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Natalie Wolfe for her dedicated public service. Her efforts should inspire us all to recommit ourselves to ensuring that the growing child-care needs of our nation's children are effectively met.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding funding the House Appropriations Committee appropriated for the following national projects my colleagues and I requested as part of FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act, H.R. 1105:

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reach Out and Read

Address of Requesting Entity: 56 Roland Street, Suite 100D, Boston, MA 02129-1243

Description of Request: \$4,965,000 for the Reach Out and Read Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to make literacy programs a standard part of pediatric primary care, trains doctors and nurses to train parents, and helps

families and communities encourage early literacy skills. Specifically, this funding will be used to ensure that all children and families receive the support and assistance they need to develop these skills and children are prepared to start kindergarten ready to learn. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Teach for America

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 West 36th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10018

Description of Request: \$14,895,000 for the Teach for America Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to provide for recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting a national teacher corps in underserved communities. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302-1440

Description of Request: \$25,095,000 for Center for Civic Education's We the People Program and Cooperative Education Exchange Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program to support programs which represent the federal government's most effective means of educating American students about the fundamental ideals of our nation and to assist emerging democracies in establishing a political culture supportive of democratic values, principles, and institutions. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302-1440

Description of Request: \$5,019,000 for Center for Civic Education's National Council of Economic Education for cooperative Education Exchange Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program to support programs which represent the federal government's most effective means of educating American students about the fundamental ideals of our nation and to assist emerging democracies in establishing a political culture supportive of democratic values, principles, and institutions. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware

does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

#### CONGRATULATING MS. CAROL ROBINSON

#### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the members of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary Post 776, located in my congressional district in Riverside Ohio, for the service its members have given to our nation and our community.

Ms. Carol T. Robinson has completed a successful year as the 2007-2008 Department of Ohio President of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is the first African-American woman to hold the office. Ms. Robinson joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 776 through her late brother, William A. Hawkins, a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War.

Ms. Robinson organized a project with Sew Much Comfort, a local nonprofit organization, to supply adaptive clothing for hospitalized amputee service members. For the 89th Department of Ohio American Legion Convention held last July in Dayton, she asked each attendee to bring a donation for our troops. Ultimately, Ms. Robinson sorted, packed and shipped 48 boxes (503.7 pounds) for our wounded warriors. This summer, at the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary held in Phoenix, Arizona, Ms. Robinson accepted four National Awards, several Central Division Awards and Certificates for Auxiliary programs conducted during her administration.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest, nonprofit, patriotic women's service organization whose members do volunteer work for a multitude of worthwhile causes which benefit American's veterans, children and communities. It is my privilege to recognize Ms. Carol Robinson and the members of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary Post 776 for their leadership and service to our community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 9, 2009 I did not vote due to my attendance of the funeral of Los Angeles Police Department's Deputy Chief Kenneth O. Garner. Deputy Chief Garner attended schools in the California 37th District, commanded over many stations in my district and was instrumental to the success of the Watts Gang Task Force evident by the busloads of residents who attended his service. Deputy Chief Garner will be remembered for his 30 years of service to the Los Angeles community and his achievement of greater respect and peace within the police department and the African American/Latino neighborhoods. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 110, No. 111 and No. 112.

#### A TRIBUTE MR. JODIE BAILEY

#### HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jodie Bailey a Missouri coaching and community legend. Mr. Bailey had a positive influence in the sport of basketball, in the lives of the young men he coached and his community.

My first encounter with Mr. Bailey was 45 years ago at the age of 7 years old. He was Head Camp Counselor for Camp Rivercliff of the YMCA, where I attend summer camp. He had a positive impact on my life at an impressionable age and helped make me the man I am today.

Mr. Bailey set unprecedented records and won championships over the span of 42 seasons at three different area St. Louis Public High schools. He had an outstanding record of 824 wins with only 198 losses. He coached many great sports stars, including the late Elston Howard of the New York Yankees and the Boston Celtics Jo Jo White. His accomplishments led him to be inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

He put an emphasis on teaching fundamentals in the game of basketball. He always worked to get young people to be the best they could be. In addition, Mr. Bailey was a teacher who took time to make personal investments in each of his student's lives, which they remember until this day.

Mr. Bailey always sought to impart knowledge into the people that came into his life. He was a tenacious but mild-mannered coach; always ready to give constructive and encouraging words of advice.

His success as a coach spanned four decades including the turbulent 1950's and 60's that included segregation and the Civil Rights movement. He continued coaching through the 1980's. Mr. Bailey was a role model on and off of the court teaching integrity and self-respect to his players. He was a respected community leader and viewed as a "Godly" man.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Bailey, a man of humility and passion who's influence surpassed his coaching success. He made a difference in all the lives he touched. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Jodie Bailey, coaching and life legend.

#### IN HONOR OF BROTHER DIETRICH REINHART

#### HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of service of Brother Dietrich Reinhart, President Emeritus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN. Brother Reinhart faithfully served his community since 1967 in various roles as a student, professor, dean and finally, as President of the University.

His accomplishments at Saint John's are numerous and have impacted so many students' everyday life. As liturgy director in